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DIRTY STORY—Vicki Getten, 3, looks somewhat bedraggled after playing near her home on 168th St., where residents charge a health hazard is created by poor drainage. Vicki's

mother, Mrs. Richard Getten, said that fertilizer, mud and oil is mixed in the water, and that the city has failed to do anything about it.

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'Buck Passing' Claimed in Northside Drain Problem

Lack of proper drainage causes a definite health problem to children, a North Torrance mother charged this week.

Mrs. Richard Getten, of 16810 Ainsworth Ave., charged that city officials have been "passing the buck" in correcting alleged health hazards on 168th St., between Fonthill and Ainsworth Aves.

She said that her daughter, Vicki, 3, and other toddlers in the neighborhood are exposed to a health hazard from filthy water that runs down the street.

Mrs. Getten claims that fertilizer from lawns washes into the water, which stands all summer because of lack of proper drainage.

"The only suggestion we got from city officials is that the property owners install cement curbs. But we already have asphalt curbs."

The house she said that the situation has existed for the

past two years since the grade of the street was changed when a new tract was constructed on the other side of the street.

"We have to put all the children on tetanus shots, and there is possibility they might get polio," Mrs. Getten said.

She said that fertilizer, oil and grease and mud is mixed in the water.

She said her daughter's clothes were so badly dirtied, that all she can do with them is to burn them.

Beside the danger of germs, she claims that mosquitoes have increased in the neighborhood.

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Torrance Government to Have Youthful Look Tuesday as Students Take Over

Torrance city government will have a youthful look Tuesday, as students at the city's three high schools take over the top posts during Junior Citizens' Day.

Seventy-three students from North, South, and Torrance High Schools will take over city government posts, with attractive blonde Pat Reynolds, North High coed, wielding the gavel as mayor. Youngsters will take over their various duties Tuesday afternoon, with assistance from the officials who regularly hold the jobs. After an evening meal at Sepulveda School, they will attend a City Council meeting.

Student Council
At the meeting, Her Honor, Mayor Reynolds, and the six student councilmen Mike Cummings, NHS; Bob Halliwell, NHS; Mike Robbins, SHS; Nancy Cavanaugh, SHS; Vic Masaki, THS; and Diana Cook, THS—will legislate for the city.

Top student officials will report for a briefing on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the office of Mayor Albert Isen.

Students who will take over the government posts for a day in the annual city-school district program, are:

Student Posts
John Bentwood, THS, city manager; Barbara Bishop, SHS, assistant city manager; Carole Jordan, NHS, city clerk; Mary Blount, THS, city treasurer; Margaret Owen, NHS, city attorney; Bruce McIntyre, SHS, city engineer; Mike Kimble, NHS, office engineer; Dieter

Seller, THS, assistant city engineer; Bill Hargrove, SHS, fire chief; Gary Mowrey, NHS, battalion chief; Mike Walker, THS, battalion chief; Ted Umhour, SHS, police chief; Stan Gonta, THS, assistant police chief; Bill Smalley, NHS, juvenile officer.

Other Officials
Jim Perry, SHS, recreation director; Loretta Robison, THS, assistant recreation director; Rosemary Balow, SHS, planning director; Sonja Pesola, NHS, building superintendent; Mike Mullen, THS, director of public works; Maren Courtney, SHS, license inspector; Nancy Mooney, NHS, personnel clerk.

Burglar In \$4480 Tract Haul

A burglar who didn't mind a little hard work, stole 28 dishwashing machines from a subdivision under construction at 186th St. and Dorman Ave., Thursday.

Value of the loot was fixed at \$4480, officials of the Chacksfield Construction Co., said.

Police said that the appliances were stolen after the thieves broke into a garage where they had been stored. They estimated that it must have taken about 90 minutes to commit the burglary and load the stolen goods on a truck.

A night watchman, Frank de Angelo, said he inspected the premises at 3 a.m., officers said.

In addition to the dishwashers, the burglars stole a \$6 wardrobe door, and broke into another garage which contained nothing.

In another burglary, thieves stole a pair of binoculars, valued at \$35, and a ceramic bank from the home of George Morehart, of 1820 Kingsdale Ave., police said.



NEW JOB CHIEF Murray Love has been appointed manager of the Department of Employment, succeeding Mrs. Winona Ellis, who was transferred to the Wilmington office. Love, a World War II veteran, has been with the department for 12 years.

—Press Photo.

Southwood To Seek Park Plan

Southwood should be entitled to equal park and recreation facilities.

So stated Lee Sechler, president of the Southwood Home Owners Association, which will discuss the subject at its meeting Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Anza School.

"We feel we should have our portion of parks," said Sechler. He announced that a committee will be appointed to work with city officials on the development of recreation areas, including Paradise Park.

"The committee will investigate and see what can be done," he said, in pointing out that Southwood has no parks presently.

The president announced that new officers of the organization will be elected at the meeting, and that they will take over for the November session.

Another project sought for the Southwood area will be a library branch to serve residents of the area, Sechler said.

He pointed out that concerted action by his group had been successful in the installation of street lights.

Girls Will Be Boys, When It Comes to Forming Car Clubs

Girls can be just as interested in safe driving as the boys.

To prove their point, 14 teenaged coeds have formed a car club, and call themselves the "Squaws."

Although only formed last June, the club has already held a number of projects such as a bake sale, car wash and jewelry party, stated president, Sharon Rascoe, 16, of 3218 Torrance Blvd., a senior at Torrance High School.

Later this year the Squaws intend to hold a canned goods drive, and present Christmas

baskets to needy families and shut-ins.

All club members must be at least 15½ years old and interested in car safety.

The girls would like to become members of the Association of Car Clubs, sponsored by the Torrance police department, but present rules allow only males to become affiliated.

"We don't want to force our way in. We'll play it cool," states Janet Steinhaus, 16, of 2833 Sonoma Ave., vice president of the club.

They can see no reason for

not participating in an economy run to establish their driving ability.

"We can do little things like changing tires," states Sharon. "And I once helped to install a radiator," Janet volunteered in stressing their interest in mechanics.

Other officers of the club are Pat Morgan, secretary; Kathy Fraser, treasurer; Joanna Suedmeyer, sergeant-at-arms, and Liz Rossie, historian.

Their sponsor is Mrs. Mary Jo Vaughn, a meterette in the police department.



HOW NOW? That seems to be the question asked by Sharon Rascoe, left, president, and Janet Steinhaus, of the Squaw girls car club as they ponder a manual to correct some mechan-

ical problems on their car. Girls claim they can perform some light mechanics on their autos.

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Fate of School Bonds to Be Decided Here Tuesday

Tuesday will be D-Day for Torrance voters, as they go to the polls to decide whether to approve a \$15,000,000 bond issue to build at least five new schools and additions to 20 other schools.

Since present bond funds, authorized by the voters in 1955, will be used up this month, more funds are needed to continue the schools' large-scale building campaign to eliminate double sessions. The issue has been endorsed by many of the town's leading organizations.

Passage of the bond issue would not increase the tax rate, however, because the amount of bonds which can be sold in one year is limited by law. It would give the district more funds to continue the building program and keep Torrance eligible for state funds for construction, school officials said.

Enrollment in the city's schools now is 23,300, with nearly 4000 youngsters on double session. Within five years, enrollment is expected to climb at least 40 per cent. If the building campaign continues at its present rate, however, officials hope that half-day sessions can be virtually eliminated.

"We believe that the need for the bond issue has been clearly shown," declared Mrs. Kenneth McVey, president of the Torrance Council of PTA. "However, the greatest threat is apathy. All 25 PTA units in Torrance are active in urging all residents to vote on this issue, which vitally affects the future of all our children."

Bond Election Polling Places

Twenty-five polling places will be open Tuesday in the Torrance Unified School District election for bonds to provide funds for more schools.

The polls will be open between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Persons in doubt as to their polling place may call the Department of Special Services of the district to get information, at FA 8-8080.

Polling places will be at the old City Hall, El Retiro Park, and these schools—Carr, Casimir, Perry, El Nido, Crenshaw, Arlington, North High, Franklin, Steele, Anza, Madrona, Greenwood, Torrance Elementary, Seaside, South High, Meadow Park, Wood, Parkway, Riviera, Newton, Walteria, and Hillside.

JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY
A proclamation, designating Tuesday Junior Citizens Day in Torrance, was issued by Mayor Albert Isen.



WORK FOR BONDS—Mrs. J. T. McClure, president of Torrance Elementary PTA, center, and Mrs. George Crabtree, left, parent education chairman, present literature to Mrs. R. A. Bingham, of 1510 Engracia St., in effort to seek maximum turnout of voters in Tuesday's \$15,000,000 school bond election.

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